

US INTELLIGENCE OPERATION IS BEHIND ALLILUYEVA BOOK

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The US and most of the West European bourgeois press are being filled with sensational details about the "odyssey" of Svetlana Alliluyeva. Her photographs and statements are being carried. The radio and television are bellowing. The Voice of America and the BBC have devoted special programs to the case. The CIA and US propaganda spare no effort to present Alliluyeva as a "martyr," who has chosen the "path of freedom and democracy."

Really, is it not paradoxical that Alliluyeva picks as her haven the country which, in our time, has become an international gendarme, which sows death and destruction over Vietnam and stifles the freedom of many peoples with its iron-clad paws?

They say that her wants were simple: to buy herself a car and a little house! Perhaps her wishes will increase. Does not eating improve the appetite? According to US newspapers, Alliluyeva has received many dollars for her defection; she has become a millionairess.

For what services? Regardless of how wealthy a country, no one in the US gives away dollars (let alone millions) for nothing. They claim that Alliluyeva's service is of a purely "literary" nature -- it concerns her "memoirs." Surrounded by numerous secret agents and specialists on Soviet (more precisely, on anti-Soviet) problems, she is writing a book. Her "consultant" is George Kennan, former US ambassador to Moscow. Advisors whisper in her ear details culled from the archives, help her in elucidating on historic "facts."

Alliluyeva's book, although still in manuscript, is already sold out. It is declared a "best seller," i.e., a book in most demand.

The "memoir" is planned to be published in October 1967. Specifically, in October when the Soviet peoples will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution! A fortuity?! No, a premeditated course intended to give vent to a new torrent of lies and calumnies about the Soviet Union, the CPSU, and the ideas of Communism and Socialism.

Thus, Alliluyeva's "work" further exceeds purely literary limitations. A badly concealed anti-Soviet political operation, diligently prepared by the intelligence and propaganda centers of the US, is perceptible behind it.

In this operation, Alliluyeva is assigned the unenviable role of a first-class slanderer of the Soviet system and even of her own father (J. V. Stalin).

"Alliluyeva is a morally unstable person. She is a sick person. Those people who want to use her for their own political aims, against the Soviet state, are pitiable." There is nothing more to add to these words of Aleksey Kosygin, Chairman of the Ministerial Council of the USSR, expressed at the press conference in New York on 26 June 1967.

We will only emphasize that dollars will hardly bring success and glory to the woman without a country, who abandoned home, country, and family and placed herself in the service of anti-Communism. -- Nikodim Tsonev

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TWENTY LETTERS TO A FRIEND - Svetlana Alliluyeva